

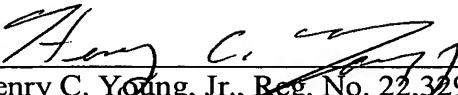
Remarks

Claims 1 through 13 are now pending.

Claims 14 through 20 are withdrawn without prejudice in response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 1 through 13 are allowed.

Respectfully submitted,


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